

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1949



REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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Forest Fires—Our Most Shameful Waste. Everyone apparently fears fire but many are careless with it. This is particularly true of fires in and near woodlands. Official figures show that more than 98 percent of all forest fires result from human carelessness and can be prevented. Consequently, we may say "Forest Fires are our most shameful waste."

Annual forest fire losses are tremendous and their effects far reaching. Such fires destroy the raw products of the forests, the protection forests provide for game and the supply of ground water. They upset local economies by drawing men from gainful employment and requiring the expenditure of public funds to extinguish them.

Our forest fire organization is doing a good job in keeping the size of fires small but the number is increasing. In 1949 there were 100 more fires in New Hampshire than in 1948, but they burned 500 acres less. For the warden and his deputies to do the job they are capable of, they must have the cooperation of the public—YOU!

The primary objective of all fire fighters is prevention fire stoppage. This is the goal toward which your local forest fire warden and his deputies are constantly working. It can be achieved ONLY if YOU and YOU and YOU cooperate with them. It is worth YOUR effort and can be accomplished by:

1. Being careful with fires in and near woodland, being particularly careful with matches and cigarettes.
2. Securing the required written permit from the warden when the ground is not covered with snow.
3. Insisting that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
4. Calling the warden promptly when fire is detected and aiding him to extinguish it.

Let's reduce the number of forest fires and eliminate our most shameful waste.

Harry Quance
Forest Fire Warden

George F. Richardson, Jr.
District Fire Chief

Annual Report

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF THE

Town of Dorchester

together with the reports of the

ROAD AGENT AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN

for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1949

also the

Vital Statistics for the year ending December 31, 1949

The Colby Press, Rumney Depot, N. H.

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1950

Recommended by Selectmen

Town Charges	\$	1,400.00
Town Maintenance: Summer	\$	1,000.00
Winter	\$	1,400.00
Town Road Aid		271.50
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		800.00
Forest Fire Department		50.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		18.22
Capital Reserve Fund		300.00

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Appropriation	\$	50.00
Reimbursement from State		17.46
Total Receipts		67.46
Payments, Fire meeting at Canaan		34.92
Suplus in Treasury	\$	32.54

No permits will be issued to burn except on rainy days

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY QUANCE, Fire Warden.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Daniel A. MacKenzie

TOWN CLERK

Edith M. MacKenzie

SELECTMEN

Paul D. Smith

George W. Rowen

George A. Thayer

ROAD AGENT

James Carter

TREASURER

Jennie J. Burnham

TAX COLLECTOR

Harry Quance

RELIEF AGENT

George N. Burnham

HEALTH OFFICER

Charles A. Krahenbuhl

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Harry Quance

AUDITORS

Nellie M. Ashley

Delbert B. Gray

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

James Carter

Ernest J. Hanley

Malcolm D. Merrill

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Daniel A. MacKenzie

Isaac H. Burnham

Paul D. Smith

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(LS) To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for Town Road Aid, and State Aid Construction.

5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and Town Poor.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 50.00 for the Forest Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of publicising and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to provide for White Pine Blister Rust Control in co-operation with the Forestry and Recreation Department.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for a chemical toilet for the Town Hall.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow a sum of money for the purchase of Snow Removal Equipment, or act in any way relating thereto.
11. To see if the Town will vote to sell the North Dorchester Schoolhouse.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to add to the Capital Reserve Fund and transfer part of the cash surplus to the same fund.
13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
14. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
15. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty.

PAUL D. SMITH,
GEORGE W. ROWEN,
GEORGE A. THAYER,

Selectmen of Dorchester.

A true copy of Warrent—Attest:

PAUL D. SMITH,
GEORGE W. ROWEN,
GEORGE A. THAYER,

Selectmen of Dorchester.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$ 148,845.00
Growing Wood and Timber	13,235.00
Electric Plants, Poles and Fixtures	5,740.00
Horses, 22	2,010.00
Cows, 54	7,205.00
Neat Stock, 5	510.00
Sheep and Goats 27	270.00
Fowls, 219	262.00
Fur-Bearing Animals, 125	1,000.00
Portable Mills, 1	300.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	1,990.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2	50.00

Total inventory	\$ 181,417.00
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Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,163.76
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	138.00

Total Taxes	\$ 8,301.76
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Tax rate for all purposes	\$4.50
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Property Valuation exempted to 10 Veterans	\$ 6,350.00
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Poll Taxes exempted to 14 Veterans	28.00
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APPROPRIATIONS

Town Charges	\$ 200.00
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and all State Credits and Auto Permit Fees	
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Forest Fire Department	50.00
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Hospitals and Clinics	100.00
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State Aid Construction	273.00
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Town Road Aid	273.00
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Town Maintenance, Summer \$700., Winter 1,400.	2,100.00
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Old Age Assistance and Town Poor	500.00
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County Tax	412.47
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School Tax	4,052.94
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Overlay	310.35
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 8,301.76
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Credits	Appropriations	Expended	Surplus	Overdraft
Town Charges	\$1,584.96	200.00	923.71	861.25	
Forest Fire Department	17.46	50.00	34.92	32.54	
Town Maintenance	2,252.20	2,100.00	3,480.47	871.73	
Old Age Assistance		500.00	528.67		
Unpaid Bill			205.26		233.93
County Tax		412.47	412.47		
Overlay		340.35	6.00	334.35	
				Balance	
State Aid Construction	3,256.50	273.00	337.60	3,191.90	
Town Road Aid	1,357.98	273.00	1,627.85	3.13	
School Tax	1,405.19	4,052.94	4,238.69	1,279.74	
Capital Reserve Fund				1,756.65	

Town of Dorchester	Assets
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Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 1,308.30
Capital Reserve Fund	1,756.65
Due from State:	
Joint Highway Construction	3,191.90
Bounties on Bear and Hedgehogs	15.75
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1948	291.08
Levy of 1947	315.13
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1949	1,921.32
Total Assets	<hr/> \$ 8,800.13
GRAND TOTAL	8,800.13
Surplus, December 31, 1948	548.07
Surplus, December 31, 1949	2,366.58
Increase of Surplus	\$ 1,818.51

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 3,525.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Forest Fire Department	100.00
Highway Department, equipment	2,000.00
Schools, land and buildings	2,500.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
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	\$ 9,025.00

Town of Dorchester	Liabilities
Accounts Owed by the Town	
State, Old Age Assistance, 3 months	\$ 205.26
Due to School District, Dog Licenses	76.80
Balance of Appropriation	1,202.94
Due to Capital Reserve Fund	1,750.65
State and Town Joint Highway Construction	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury	3,191.90
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,433.55
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	2,366.68
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,800.13



LANDS AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THRU DEEDS

A. L. Hofmann Est.	Mining right on 409 acres	\$ 500.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Lots 56,57 and Murphy land (247 acres)	700.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Effe Marshall land, 77 acres	200.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Mill site, half acre	10.00
Ralph H. Dodge	T. Murphy farm, 26 acres	100.00
Andrew and Taylor	Ben Burley farm, 100 acres	200.00
		\$ 1,710.00

Town of Dorchester**Receipts****From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes, 1949	\$	6,258.44
Poll Taxes, 1949		116.00
Property Taxes, Uncollected 1948		398.12
Poll Taxes, Uncollected 1948		6.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		71.07
Interest received on taxes and redemptions		12.34

From State:

For Class 5 Highways		1,318.40
Interest and Dividend Tax		1,125.54
Railroad Tax		12.61
Savings Bank Tax		29.08
Fighting Forest Fires		17.46
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs (1948, 341.50 1949, 114.00)		455.50

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Rent of Town Hall		5.00
Dog Licenses		82.80
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1948, 1 permit		.80
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1949, 86 permits		399.59

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes		2,000.00
Total Receipts	\$	12,308.75
Cash on hand January 1, 1949		1,513.28
GRAND TOTAL	\$	13,822.03

Town of Dorchester	Payments
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General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 505.41
Town Officers' Expenses	251.18
Expenses of Town Hall	125.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Forest Fire Department	34.92
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs	129.75
Health:	
Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital	100.00
Vital Statistics	2.50
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Maintenance	3,256.04
Town Road Aid	273.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	528.67
Unclassified:	
Taxes Bought by Town	343.48
Bank Charges	2.12
Interest:	
On temporary Loans	37.50
Outlay for New Construction:	
State Aid Construction	273.00
Indebtedness:	
Payment of Loans	2,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes Paid to County	412.47
Payments to School District	4,238.69
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Total Payments	\$ 12,513.73
Cash on Hand December 31, 1949	1,308.20
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 13,822.03

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Salaries of Principal Town Officers:

Paul D. Smith, Selectman	\$	103.80
George W. Rowen, Selectman		104.20
George A. Thayer, Selectman		12.80
Jennie J. Burnham, Treasurer		25.00
Nella M. Walker, Auto Permits		6.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, Town Clerk		25.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, Auto Permits		37.50
Harry Quance, Tax Collector		127.51
Nellie M. Ashley, Auditor		6.40
Edith M. MacKenzie, Auditor		6.40
Daniel A. MacKenzie, Moderator		6.40
James Carter, Supervisor		13.80
Ernest J. Hanley, Supervisor		12.80
Malcolm D. Merrill, Supervisor		12.80

Total	\$	503.41
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Officers' Expenses:

Paul D. Smith, Postage and Expenses	\$	24.10
Jennie J. Burnham, Postage		3.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, postage		1.50
Harry Quance, postage, expense and fees		8.54
Malcolm D. Merrill, expenses for Selectmen		40.20
Robert W. Thayer, Jr. expenses for Selectmen		10.00
The Colby Press, Town Reports, printing, etc.		95.11
Brown and Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies		27.38
Delbert B. Gray, Officers' bonds		26.00
D. L. Garrison, Auto and Truck Guide		5.00
Registry of Deeds, transfers		5.10
Edward H. Quimby, adding machine ribbon		1.25
Association of N. H. Assessors, annual dues		2.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, annual dues		2.00

Total	\$	251.18
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Expenses of Town Hall:

George N. Farnham, fire insurance	\$	100.00
Ferdinand Wille, wood		24.00
John Quinby, janitor		1.00

Total	\$	125.00
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Health:

Seeva Speare Memorial Hospital	100.00
Edith M. MacKenzie, recording vital statistics	2.50

Total	\$	102.50
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Respectfully submitted,
 PAUL D. SMITH,
 GEORGE W. ROWEN,
 GEORGE A. THAYER,
 Selectmen of Dorchester

TOWN CLERKS' REPORTS

Receipts from Auto Permits

For 1948, 1 Permit	\$.80
For 1949, 11 Permits		71.40

Total paid to Treasurer by NELLA M. WALKER	72.20
For 1949, 75 Permits	328.19
Total Paid to Treasurer	328.19

Receipts from Dog Licenses

30 Males at \$2.00	60.00
6 Females at \$5.00	30.00

Total	\$	90.00
Clerk's Fees, 36 at 20 cents		7.20

Total Paid to Treasurer	\$	82.80
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Respectfully Submitted,
 EDITH M. MACKENZIE,
 Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1949	\$ 1,513.28
From Selectmen	4,963.59
From Town Clerks	483.19
From Tax Collector	6,861.97
Total	<u>\$ 13,822.03</u>

Payments

By order of Selectmen	<u>12,513.73</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 1949	\$ 1,208.30

Respectfully Submitted,
JENNIE J. BURNHAM, Treasurer

REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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Payments

Old Age Assistance	1,727.30
Hospital, Medical care and Burial	1,208.33
Total Payments	<u>\$ 2,935.63</u>
Payments by Town, 25 percent	733.93
Overdraft above appropriation	<u>\$ 233.93</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
GEORGE N. BURNHAM
Relief Agent

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Assessment, 1949	\$ 8,301.76
Abatements and uncollected	1,927.32
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Taxes Collected 1949	\$ 6,374.44
Taxes Collected 1948	404.12
Tax Sales Redeemed, 1947 & 1948	71.07
Interest on Taxes and Tax Sales Redeemed	12.34
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Total Collected and Paid to Treasurer	\$ 6,861.97
Abatements	
George A. Thayer, Poll Tax, Veteran	2.00
William F. Thayer, Poll Tax, Veteran	2.00
William F. Thayer, Jr., Poll Tax, Veteran	2.00
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Total Abatements	\$ 6.00
Uncollected	
Adolph W. Delsart	33.15
Laurence B. and Laura B. Foster	172.30
Harry I. Davis	2.00
Hazel M. Foster	2.00
William E. Moses	17.75
Lillian E. Moses	6.50
Edgar C. and Mildred M. Willey	31.00
Amanda M. Archambault Heirs	27.00
Lorenzo G. Ash Heirs	9.00
Eugene E. Currier	11.25
Ernest M. Fifield	19.75
Arthenaise Gagnon	40.50
Katherine P. Goodhue	360.00
William F. Loomis	27.00
Marechal Mfg. Co., Inc.	844.87
Mrs. E. D. Park Heirs	315.00
Basil W. Waite	2.25
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Total Uncollected	\$ 1,921.32

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY QUANCE, Collector.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash from 1948 Road Agent	\$	166.00
Balance from 1948 Appropriation		212.64
Class 5 Highways		1,318.40
Part of 1949 Appropriation		1,225.00

Total Receipts	\$	2,922.04
Payments		2,925.31

Overdraft	\$	3.27
Unexpended Balance in Treasury		875.00

Payments

James Carter, labor and expenses	\$	685.48
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For Labor:

Ernest L. Carter	\$	78.00
John Quimby		76.80
George W. Rowen		74.40
Clyde Quimby		70.40
Fred L. Goss		63.20
Elwin O. Clough		55.20
Edwin Littlefield		51.20
George H. Joyce, Jr.		50.70
Elwin M. Moses		45.60
Walter Hazelton		45.60
Edgar C. Willey		44.80
John C. Davenport		38.40
Richard P. Carter		34.40
Paul D. Smith		32.00
Robert B. Whipple		30.00
Malcolm D. Merrill		23.20
Alden L. Hall		22.80
Harold D. Tibbetts		25.60
Ray C. Carter		20.00
Harry Quance		19.20
Curtis W. Whipple		19.20

Charles Carter	\$	15.20
William E. Moses		12.80
Marshall C. Ryca		12.80
Lawrence A. Ryca		6.40
Irving J. Spead		3.50
Raymond R. Ryca		3.20
Walter L. Clogston		2.00
Leroy E. Willey		.80
Ernest Carter, labor and truck		389.78
Ernest J. Hanley, labor truck and team		33.20
Laurence B. Foster, labor and team		22.40
Irvin N. Foster, labor and team		16.00
Adolph W. Delsart, labor and team		16.00
A-s-a C. Lary, bridge plank		112.18
Ernest J. Hanley, bridge plank		80.96
George H. Joyce, bridge plank		67.56
Carl M. Bowles, bridge stringers		23.40
Herbert A. Ashley, tractor, gas and sand		69.21
George N. Burnham, insurance on tractor		12.00
Walter B. Foster, tools and gas		16.08
Ralph A. Miles, tools and spikes		10.60
F. J. Nerborne, gas		74.73
Arthur C. Page, welding grouters		90.54
Chase Grain Mill, culvert and cement		123.02
Caldron's Sales and Service, battery		33.45
Gordon McKee, anti-freeze		10.90
Cliff Chalmers, tractor repairs		14.00
Frachers, Hardware		6.40
Ben B. Foster, blacksmithing		6.00
Town of Lyne, plowing snow		25.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, bank charges		9.08

Total Payments	\$	2,925.31
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Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CARTER, Road Agent

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

January 1, to March 8, 1949

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1949	\$	221.16
Part of Appropriation, 1948		500.00
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Total Receipts	\$	721.16
Payments		555.16
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Cash Balance, March 8, 1949	\$	166.00
Unexpended Balance in Treasury	\$	212.64

Payments

Adolph W. Delsart, labor and expenses	\$	209.57
Edgar C. Willey, labor		126.00
Ernest Carter, labor and truck		32.05
Richard P. Carter, labor		24.00
Edgar Lachance, labor		7.00
Ernest L. Carter, labor		5.60
John T. Hanley, labor		5.30
James Carter, labor		1.60
William E. Moses, welding plow		45.00
Arthur C. Paige, welding plow		36.10
Paul D. Townsend, gas		31.60
Herbert A. Ashley, sand and gas		26.95
Dewey Chase, slabs		2.50
Pemigewasset National Bank, bank charges		1.89
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Total Payments	\$	555.16

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH W. DELSART

Road Agent

TOWN ROAD AID

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Apportionment	State	Town	Total
	\$ 1,357.98	273.00	1,630.98
Payments	1,354.85	273.00	1,627.85
Balance	3.13		3.13
Payments			
James Carter, Foreman		\$	160.60
Elwin M. Moses, labor			84.00
Elwin O. Clough, labor			41.60
George W. Rowen, labor			40.00
William E. Moses, labor			33.60
Fred L. Goss, labor			26.40
Ernest L. Carter, labor			25.60
Laforest M. Moses, labor			19.20
Paul D. Smith, labor			19.20
Clyde Quimby, labor			12.80
Harry Quance, labor			6.40
John C. Davenport, labor			6.40
Walter Hazelton, labor			3.20
Ernest Carter, truck			172.80
Eldrid W. Page, truck			18.00
Herbert Page, truck			3.60
Joseph L. Graham, truck			90.00
Ralph W. Payne, shovel			295.75
Harry A. Biathrow, compressor and dynamite			84.80
State Highway Department, grader			153.00
Maurice E. Labare, grader operator			84.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts			237.70
Charles A. Krahenbuhl, gravel			4.80
Mrs. Barbara T. Kalinski, gravel			4.40
Total Payments		\$	1,627.85

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES CARTER, Foreman.

PAYMENTS OF TOWN MAINTENANCE BY ROADS

North Dorchester	\$ 509.20
Bickford and Hearse House & 2 bridges	574.75
Lyme and 3 bridges	392.32
Streeter	278.11
River	99.95
Province and 1 bridge	208.77
Mascoma	126.33
Secitall	12.50
Le Brun and 2 bridges	166.25
Whitcher gate and 1 bridge	28.80
S. Wentworth and N. Groton	125.50

Other Expenses

Tractor, expenses and repairs	308.11
Setting snow fence	48.85
Tools, etc.	24.79
Insurance and bank charges	21.08

Total Payments	\$ 2,925.31
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agents, Town Clerk, Trustees and Relief Agent, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

January 7, 1950

NELLIE M. ASHLEY,

DELBERT D. GRAY, Auditors

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund for care of the
Sanborn and Mehitable Blaisdell Lot:

Fund received and deposited March 1930	\$	66.23
Interest in bank, April 1, 1948		20.86
Interest from April 1, 1948 to April 1, 1949		1.74
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Total Interest in Bank	\$	22.60

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Scott D. Burley Fund for care of his lot
in Cheever Cemetery:

Fund received and deposited Sept. 1940	\$	300.00
Interest in bank, April 1, 1948		28.94
Interest from April 1, 1948 to April 1, 1949		6.56
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Total Interest in Bank	\$	35.50
No Payments in 1949 from either Fund.		

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Capital Reserve Fund for purchase of
Snow Removal Equipment, Bulldozer,
or building Concrete Bridges:

Fund received and deposited in 1948	\$	1,730.00
Interest to April 1, 1949		26.65
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Total Fund in Bank	\$	1,756.65

Respectfully Submitted,

DANIEL A. MACKENZIE,
ISAAC H. BURNHAM,
PAUL D. SMITH, Trustees

School Officers

DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs Frances E. Merrill, Chairman

Isaac H. Burnham

Mrs. Laura Foster

MODERATOR

Daniel A. MacKenzie

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Edith T. Gray

DISTRICT CLERK

Edith M. MacKenzie

AUDITORS

Delbert B. Gray

Nellie M. Ashley

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Paul D. Smith

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur S. Rollins

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Dorchester qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district, on the 14th day of March 1950, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, or on adjournment of Town Meeting, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

Given under our hands at said District this 11th day of January 1950.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FRANCES E. MERRILL,

ISAAC H. BURNHAM,

LAURA B. FOSTER,

School Board of Dorchester.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Dorchester School Board.

This seventh annual report submitted by the present superintendent of schools will be brief and will discuss only those items that seem to be of greatest concern to your school.

Dorchester was one of two towns in Supervisory Union 48 to receive more state aid in 1949 than in the two previous years. The same will be true the next year unless state aid structure is changed by legislative action. Since the fundamental purpose of state aid is to enable school districts to offer more and better educational service to their children rather than merely to reduce taxes, Dorchester ought to use its increased state aid to do some things that would not ordinarily be done.

One use of the approximate two-hundred dollars additional aid might well be to paint the school house. Its appearance would be much improved if the dark belt across the front were painted out. Children are sharp enough to realize that community pride is reflected in the kind of school building in which they are compelled to spend the greater part of their time. It might be interesting to check improvements on barns, garages, and farm machinery throughout the town since anything has been done to improve the appearance of the one remaining school house in Dorchester.

Eventually, the district will have to pay more money for teaching service than is now being paid. When and if a change of teacher takes place the district may not be able to capitalize on local residence to buy service at a figure far below the state average or the beginning salary of an inexperienced teacher. The 1950 budget should allow for an increased amount.

Parents may welcome a word about our testing program. Tests of mental ability are given each year in grades one and four. The results are used as a help in adjusting work to the indicated capacity of each child so that he may get the

most out of his school effort. Achievement tests are given each year in all grades above the second. Results of those tests are used as a guide in meeting the individual needs of each child. Whenever a weakness appears in any subject, we are able to give children more help and to plan remedial measures. Final success for many children has been made possible by using the information both kinds of tests have given.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur S. Rollins,

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICS 1949-1950.

Teacher 1949-50 Miss Nellie M. Ashley- Cheever School

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1948-1949

Norman Waldron

1949 GRADUATES OF CHEEVER SCHOOL

Ashley, Janith L.	Carter, Albert
LaChance, Edgar	Marsden, Harry

1950-1951 DORCHESTER SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. Weeks	No. Days
Sept. 3, 1950	Dec. 21, 1950	16	72
Jan. 2, 1951	Feb. 16, 1951	7	34
Feb. 26, 1951	April 20, 1951	8	40
April 30, 1951	June 15, 1951	7	34
Totals		38	180

This calendar provides for opening all schools on Wednesday after Labor Day and closing all schools on Thursday, December 21. The fall term of 16 weeks contains 72 school days in addition to one day out for Plymouth Fair; two days for Teachers' Convention, and two days at Thanksgiving.

Since the two Convention Days may be counted as a part of the school year, the calendar contains a possible 182 days of school. If more than two days should be lost because of bad weather, the required minimum of 180 days could be met either by Saturday sessions or by keeping school as long as necessary after June 15.

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash on hand July 1, 1948	\$	492.70
Topliffe Sawyer, Rent of North Dorchester school		20.00
Town of Dorchester, Dog Licenses		182.14
Town of Dorchester, School Appropriation		3,458.32
Town of Dorchester, Cancelled Check		2.00
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Groton School District, Tuition		76.00
State of New Hampshire, State Aid		1,278.02
State of New Hampshire, Emergency State Aid		100.00

Total Receipts	\$	5,611.18
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Payments

Pemigewasset National Bank, Analysis Tax	5.75
Edward F. Babb Co., School Supplies	60.16
Retirement Board, Teacher's & Nurse's Retirement	268.60
Retirement Board, Superintendent's Retirement	3.87
*Nellie M. Ashley, Teacher's Salary & Janitor service	1892.90
Isaac Burnham, Salary and Expenses	32.65
Frances E. Merrill, Salary and Expense	36.00
Harold Walker, Salary and Expense	37.35
Laura Foster, Salary and Expense	12.00
Albert Authier, Transportation of Pupils	750.00
Daniel MacKenzie, Transportation of Pupils	977.00
Paul D. Smith, Taking School Census	10.00
Robert Whipple, Labor	9.62
Alfred Ashley, Labor mowing school yard	2.00
Nella Walker, Labor and supplies cleaning school	9.50
Anna Lovett, Medical Inspection	86.40
Barbara Lehmann, Clerical Service	7.32
Edgar Lashance, Wood	12.00
Stephen Childs, Electric Record Player	15.00
R. Patterson, Slabs	5.50
Shirley Chamberlain, Labor on Electric Lights	2.75
Morrison's Drug Store, Ice Cream for Graduation	3.30
F. W. Kendrick, Fuel Oil	68.05

N. H. Electric Co-op., Lights for one year	\$ 36.21
Arthur Rollins, Postage and Travel Expense	3.15
Collector of Internal Revenue, Withholding tax	169.20
State Treasurer, Superintendent's Salary	64.77
State of New Hampshire, Per Capita Tax	48.00
Plymouth School District, Dorchester's share of Telephone Expenses	2.60
Plymouth School District, Tuition	585.00
Chase Grain Store, Supplies	53.80
Allyn and Bacon, Scholars' Supplies	19.54
Carl Larson, Scholars' Supplies	1.35
Charles E. Merrill Co., Text Books	7.47
Ginn & Co., Text Books	2.77
Scott Foreman & Co., Scholars Supplies	15.19
Martin & Murray, Books	21.95
Rand's Hardware, Janitor's Supplies	10.34
R. E. Lane, Enumeration Cards	.95
C. C. Barchard, Text Books	22.48
Gledhill Bros. Inc., Scholars Supplies	5.26
World Book Company, Supplies	10.72
American Education Press, Weekly Readers	6.70
J. L. Hammett, Instruction Aids and Diplomas	13.89
Beckley Cardy Co., Storage Cabinet	1.00
Encyclopedia Britannica Press, Books	5.03
Daniel MacKenzie, Moderator	3.00
Edith MacKenzie, School Clerk	3.00
Nellie Ashley, Auditor	3.00
Delbert Gray, Auditor	3.00
Esther Ashley, School Treasurer and expense	24.50
Total Payments	\$ 5,450.99
*Two months salary of 1947-48 School Year included in this figure.	
Total Receipts	5,611.18
Total Payments	5,450.99
Cash on hand June 30, 1949	\$ 160.19

1950-1951 DORCHESTER SCHOOL BUDGET

For Support of Public Schools

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 127.00
Superintendent's salary, local share	65.00
Tax for state wide supervision	56.00
Salary for Sup't's secretary, local share	12.00
Supplies and other expenses	5.00

Instruction:

*Salaries of teachers and principals	2,240.00
Book and other instructional aids	45.00
Scholars' supplies	80.00
Flags, graduation expenses, etc.	20.00
Salaries of janitors	70.00

Operation of School Plant:

Fuel or heat	90.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	50.00

Maintenance of School Plant:

Repairs and replacements	100.00
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Auxiliary Activities:

Health supervision	95.00
Transportation	1,800.00
Tuition	1,225.00
Overlay	50.00

Fixed Charges:

Retirement: Supt., Teacher, Nurse (Based on salary)	100.00
Insurance, Treasurer's bond and expenses	5.00
School Census	10.00

Total Amount Required to Meet	
School Board's Budget	\$ 6,245.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

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Estimated balance June 30, 1950	none
State Aid as of December 1, Superintendent's est.	\$ 1,470.00
Elementary school tuition	76.00
Miscellaneous receipts, rent	20.00

Total Estimated Income	\$ 1,566.00
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Assessment Required to Balance

School Board's Budget	\$ 4,679.00
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No special Appropriation Proposed

Total Assessment Required	\$ 4,679.00
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* School Board disagreed on this item (salaries).

Figure shown recommended by Superintendent.

FRANCES E. MERRILL,

ISAAC H. BURNHAM,

LAURA B. FOSTER,

School Board

Dorchester, N. H.

January 11, 1950

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Dorchester School Board

I herewith submit my report as School Nurse from September 1948 to July 1949:

Number inspected 22

With symptoms of the following defects:

Dental	8
Tonsils	2
Glands	2
Underweight	5
Vision	4

The corrections made were:

Dental	6
Vision	6

Dorchester School was lucky in having no diseases occurring in the past year as communicable diseases were prevalent in surrounding towns.

The Vision tests were given with the Massachusetts Eye Testing Chart.

2 children had examination and glasses paid by the Welfare and 3 children had glasses by the Sight Conservation Program
3 children showed slight hearing defects when tested with the group Audiometer, but showed no defect when rechecked individually with the Maico.

The children were skin tested for Tuberculosis by the State Tuberculosis Nurse. One reacted and the family of 4 children were X-rayed. All were negative.

The inspection in the fall of 1949 showed symptoms of these defects:

Number inspected:	24
Underweight	3
Dental	11
Tonsils	1
Glands	1

I take this opportunity to thank all interested in the Health Program for Dorchester Children.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R. N.

Births Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1949.

		Sex, Condition	
Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	
		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Residence of Parents
			Occupation of Father
			Birthplace of Father
			Birthplace of Mother

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1949.

		Age, Sex, Condition					
Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years		Maiden Name of Mother		
			Months				
			Days				
			Male or Female				
			Single, mar., wid.		Birthplace of Parents		
			Color-All White				
			Place of Birth	Occupation	Birthplace of Parents	Name of Father	Name of Mother

April 7 Concord N H Joseph Al Willey 76 10 17 M W W Thornton Lumbert an W Thornton W Thornton William Willey Jane Drew

Whereby certifi, that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, Edith M. McKenzie, Town Clerk.

